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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0962

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEW LAR AFFAIRS BUREAU HEAD IN CAIRO ABD QADIR GHUQAH

REF: TRIPOLI 0950

1. NEWLY APPOINTED LAR AFFAIRS BUREAU HEAD ABD QADIR GHUQAH WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW IN FOOTSTEPS OF HIS PREDECESSOR AS-SADIQ.

2. GHUQAH BRINGS TO HIS NEW POSITION VARIGATED EXPERIENCE AS FORMER AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON, EDUCATOR, OWNER/ FOUNDER OF BENGHAZI NEWSPAPER AND FILM AND TELEVISION STUDIO,, POLITICAL ACTIVIST IN ALGERIAN AND PALESTINIAN SUPPORT COMMITTEES AND ARAB UNITY PIONEERS.

3. WHILE THESE ANTECEDENTS WOULD APPEAR IMPRESSIVE IN ANY DIPLOMATS'S DOSSIER GHUQAH'S VARIGATED CAREER CONTAINS SEVERAL SHADES OF GRAY AND BLACK. IN OCT 1974 HE WAS CHARGED BUT NEVER TRIED FOR CORRUPTION. WHILE AMBASSADOR IN LEBANON HE WAS REPORTEDLY QADHAFI' BAGMAN FOR PAYMENTS TO PFLP. CORRUPTION CHARGES ALLEGEDLY STEMMED FROM STICKING HIS HAND IN TILL OF FUNDS DESTINED FOR PFLP. GHUQAH REPORTEDLY WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE
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FOR LAR INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON AND WAS

ONCE PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST BY LEBANESE AUTHORITIES.

4. ALL WE CAN CONTRIBUTE CONCERNING HIS PERSONAL LIFE
IS THAT HE WAS BORN IN BENGHAZI AND IS APPROXIAMTLEY
46 YEARS OLD.
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